



**CENTRAL HAMPTON BOULEVARD AREA STUDY  
THIRD COMMUNITY MEETING  
“PLANNING AND DESIGN CONCEPTS”  
MAY 16, 2006 PUBLIC MEETING AND CHARRETTE**

The Central Hampton Boulevard study's third public meeting, held at the St. Patrick School, attracted nearly 100 people and included residents and business and property owners as well as students and other ODU affiliates. Mayor Paul Fraim, in his opening remarks, emphasized that planning for Central Hampton Boulevard is very much a work in progress, and that final recommendations will be made based on continued input from all area stakeholders. Assistant City Manager Stanley Stein offered a first look at recreational space options, noting that as change occurs on the West Side, more open space will be gained for the benefit of the community. ODU's Bob Fenning, Vice President for Finance and Administration, provided updated information on the university's master plan, providing additional context for the overall Central Hampton Boulevard planning



process. Goody Clancy then presented a series of options for the study area, focusing on different possibilities for urban design, housing, retail/commercial development, open space and transportation. Building on the planning framework that emerged from the second public meeting, small groups of participants were then asked to identify the components of each option that best captured their vision for Central Hampton Boulevard.

While participants agreed that the study area could, in certain locations, accommodate higher density housing, they agreed that Colley Bay waterfront should be kept at a relatively moderate density, while encouraging and improving ease of access to the natural surroundings. Similarly, participants saw the benefit – and appropriateness – of moderate density housing along North Colley. Even with somewhat higher density along Colley Avenue, there was the expressed wish that the street maintain its “funky” quality and that it gain in walkability with enhanced streetscape, improved sidewalks, etc.

Participants also noted that additional density had the potential to create additional traffic congestion along major arteries. Commercial or office uses were seen as beneficial in creating a transition from industrial to residential uses in Lambert’s Point. The placement of a new park generated considerable discussion, with the more moderate Alternative I seen presenting a more realistic approach to siting.



The consulting team is currently at work on the creation of a combined plan that incorporates the “best” of each alternative, as offered by workshop participants and informed by the team’s technical analysis of issues related to housing, economic development, circulation, and open space.

This plan will be presented at the next public meeting, scheduled for September 2006: the exact date and location will be announced later this summer. We look forward to seeing everyone there!